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## Silver Into Gold: 25 Years Old And Still Growing

The entrance to the Radisson Hotel in Newark, NJ was alive with sparkling, shimmering dresses and crisp black tie attire as over 600 friends of New Community and Babyland arrived for the Gala Ball celebrating 25 years of their dedicated work in service to the people of Newark. What began in 1968 as a grass roots effort to improve the quality of life in the Central Ward is now recognized both nationally and internationally as a community development model.

An eclectic group of CEO's, waitresses, housewives, medical professionals, maintenance people and religious, among others, gathered to renew friendships made over the past quarter century in their common efforts to confirm the dignity of the grass roots people, who learned by doing, to determine their own destiny.

As the gathering cocktail hour neared its close, a worried Emily Ross-Jukes fretted like a worried mother when the bus containing her beloved choir from St. Rose School was reported "missing" while it worked its way through the web of roads leading to the Radisson. First on the program,

it looked like the children would miss their cue.

Fortunately, a row of worried little faces suddenly appeared on the staircase and quickly reappeared complete with red robes and bright smiles to wondrously perform "America The Beautiful."

John R. Mullen, Chairman of New Community Foundation welcomed the group and introduced the relieved choir members, who received a cheering ovation for their efforts.

Most Rev. Joseph A. Francis, Regional Bishop of Essex County included every facet of New Community and Babyland's efforts in his opening prayer, assuring all (we hope) of twenty five more years of success on behalf of the disadvantaged. "All my life I have been looking for an event," said Bishop Francis afterward, "and when I came to Newark, New Community was and remains that event in the lives of people."

In his introduction of the board members of New Community, who had been asked at the start to make a 20 year commitment, Msgr. William Linder, founder of New Community,



In recognition of their years of dedicated service, Babyland executive director Mary Smith presents board members with gifts of appreciation.

told the audience about the struggle to change an unfeeling political system into one which would support the people's efforts to create a better Newark. In doing so he quoted

Frederick Douglass who reminded his people years ago, 'There's no such thing as a struggle to achieve anything worthwhile without pain.'

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## New Community Estates Buzzing With Activity

The sun warmed the crisp autumn morning air for the festive spirited group gathered for a "Construction in Progress Ceremony" at New Community Estates.

The sounds of workmen's hammers, bulldozers and buzzing saws were a delight to the host of speakers and guests who celebrated the long awaited project.

New Community Estates, a 56 unit rental townhouse development for low-income families, is composed of 2 and 3 bedroom homes with on-site parking and outdoor recreational facilities. Located in the Central Ward of Newark on Camden Street and Fairmount Avenue between 14th and 15th Avenues, the complex occupies almost the entire city block.

Bellemead Construction Company, the general contractor, serves an additional role in this project as they are also financial supporters who provide the construction financing for the development.

Other financial supporters are member banks of the Federal Home

Loan Bank of N.Y. Their Affordable Housing Program participants are: Investors Savings Bank, Gibraltar Savings Bank, F.L.A., First DeWitt Savings Bank, S.L.A.; and American Savings and Loan Association of Bloomfield, N.J. Mr. Alfred A. Delli Bovi, President of the Federal Home Loan Bank of N.Y., spoke of the member bank's commitment to investment in affordable housing in urban areas.

Certificates of Appreciation to the participating member banks and to

New Community were presented for their efforts in investing in affordable housing.

Donn Norton, President of Bellemead Construction Company, was pleased to be part of New Community Estates. "New Community Estates represents our first opportunity to build quality, affordable housing in Newark on a large scale," he said. The Mayor of Newark, Sharpe-James, City Council President, Gary Harris and Coun

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Commemorating the ceremony with a photo are: (left to right) Charles Jones, Federal Home Loan Bank of NY; Msgr. Linder, Elma Bateman, New Community Corp; Donn Norton, Bellemead; William Reeves, First Fidelity Bank; George Branch, Newark Councilman; Carmine D'Alessio, First Fidelity Bank; Gary Altamura, David Gardner, NJ Dept. of Community Affairs; Sharpe James, Mayor of Newark; and Newton Richards, New Community Corp.

## NCC To Build Senior Housing In Jersey City

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded New Community a \$6.37 million grant to build 80 units of senior citizens housing in Jersey City.

New Community will build a 9-story high rise apartment building on Orchard Street, near the Jersey City Medical Center Complex. These apartments will be rented to low-income senior citizens who are in need of affordable housing.

According to statistics published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, there are over 4,000 low-income senior citizens in Jersey City who need decent affordable places to live. Other Jersey City senior citizens buildings have waits of up to four years for an apartment to come open.

The building will be very similar to New Community's senior citizens buildings in Newark. The apartments will be one-bedroom units, with an additional 2 bedroom apartment for the Superintendent. On the first floor will be a community room, with warm-up kitchen, a social services office, a laundry room and a management office. A partial basement will be provided that will house utility services, a boiler room, a garbage compactor and tenant storage. There will also be on-site parking and a small outdoor garden area.

New Community plans to provide its newest senior residents with a full range of social services and recreational activities. It will also cooperate with local providers of medical services, housekeeping, transportation,

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## Allies For Youth Garners Community Support

Children in the New Community Allies For Youth program celebrate the program's ninth month of existence with a bang by marching in the NCC 25th Anniversary parade on September 29th and showing off their progress as a drill team. They wore colorful green and white uniforms and they carried a beautiful decorative banner made by Ms. Pat Bryant, a program supporter from the community. The banner, which now hangs in the Allies For Youth Office, has an inscription that reads "Young people with a divine direction, service, leadership, knowledge and character."

As part of a national demonstration program, Allies For Youth focuses on preventing children aged 11-13 from becoming involved with drugs and crime by providing family support services, and a variety of activities, for children in the program. Families receive a variety of services through case management ranging from housing counseling to employment services. In addition, the Newark Police Department and NCC Security Department have developed a neighborhood watch strategy which focuses on safer corridors for children going to and from school, and neighborhood crime watch groups. The strategy also involves regular community awareness workshops provided by Detective Michael Beasley and drill team instruction by Sergeant Palmer Adams, assisted by Frances Shepard, a Service America youth volunteer.

By October 15th, Allies For Youth had reached an enrollment of 54 adolescents, which exceeds the required goal of 50. The children are recruited from Camden Middle School, Newton Street School, and 13th Avenue School with the support of the school principals, teachers, and counselors. An Allies For Youth Advisory Board was formed last month to make recommendations regarding the neighborhood safety strategy. Advisory Board members will include parents, community residents and business owners, AFY Staff and representatives from the participating schools.

Sixty parents and family members of participants and people from the community, showed their support for Allies For Youth by attending the monthly parent reception on September 29th. The reception was an Open House, held at the West Side Boys and Girls Club, site of the program's After-school Program. Allies For Youth staff showed off the classrooms with their new Kinte Cloth curtains, which were beautifully made and installed by Linda Farrell, and the staff of New Community Sewing Center. The topic for the evening was safety, as school had just begun, with the Director of United Hospitals Medical Center's Family Life Education Center, Gloria Young-Brody, as guest speaker. The parent reception represented the largest turn-out of parents to its monthly parent receptions, and staff look forward to similar attendance each month. A special treat is in store for families at the November family reception.

Visitors to the program are welcome. It operates five days a week at the West Side Boys and Girls Club from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Allies For Youth is a part of the NCC Department of Human Services and Raafiah Odom is Allies For Youth Project Director.

### Contribute to the Msgr. William J. Linder Scholarship Fund

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## NCFCU Accepted By Federal Home Loan Bank



Last month, the New Community Federal Credit Union was accepted as a stockholder/member of the Federal Home Loan Bank network, making us one of the very few credit unions in the nation to achieve that status! Shows here (left to right) are Reggie Lamptey and Art Wilson (New Community) and Matt Carcich and William Jones (Federal Home Loan Bank of NY).

## A World Of Opportunity



Kim Tillman

Kim Tillman came to New Community June 9, 1988 at the age of 23, by going through the NCC Employment Center for a job interview; within a week she was hired as a receptionist for the Management Division.

During her five years at NCC, she has worked very closely with the managers, who trained her in various responsibilities and categories. Now, at 28, she has been given the opportunity to be site manager of NC Manor Senior and NC Roseville.

As a single mother trying to make a better life for her two girls, Daneyce and Karisha, she says she is grateful to Ms. Donnell Brown and Ms. Jewel Earl who shared their knowledge and experience with her, as well as all the others who were involved in the decision.

We congratulate Kim on her promotion.

## Neighborhood Center Update

For many years New Community has been trying to build a recreation center for neighborhood children next to the Springfield Branch of the Newark Public Library.

This may be the year it happens! Status to Date County Planning Board approval has come through as well as preliminary and final site plan approval from the City of Newark.

Final building plans will be exclusively for November 1 at St. Joseph Plaza; just call and ask to see them (201) 623-2800.

Pricing with contractors will begin the second week in November. We'll keep you posted!

## Senior Housing...

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and home meal delivery. This project is a logical "next step" for NCC, following the development of 15 units of family housing on Ocean Avenue in Jersey City.

Funds for the new senior citizens building will be provided by HUD under its Section 202 Supportive Housing for Senior Citizens program. This is a very competitive program which funds projects nationwide. The 202 program make \$ 3 to 5 awards in the state of New Jersey each year, from over 100 proposals submitted to it from within the state. Construction of the new building should begin sometime next year. It should be ready for occupancy in early 1995. New Community will make further announcements once it is ready to take applications for these apartments.

## New Cajun-Creole Menu At Priory Restaurant

The Priory Restaurant general manager, David Richards, proudly announces a new and exquisite cajun-creole cuisine to be unveiled during November.

According to Mr. Richards, this is good news not only for diners of Northern New Jersey but also for diners in the tri-state area who travel to The Priory to enjoy this cuisine.

Several dishes were created exclusively for The Priory by Chef Michael Guy, honored by Chefs In America as one of America's Outstanding Chefs.

The new Priory menu is an upscale version of cajun-creole cuisine. All recipes require the careful selection of food items; the skillful blending of herbs and spices; meticulous preparation of each food item to bring the nuances of flavor, aroma, texture and color to their peak.

According to Dave, it will be a rewarding experience to watch the diners for their smiles and approving nods that just seem to burst forth after their first taste.

### Sneak Preview

Here is a glimpse of the new menu. Grilled rack veal chop with wild mushrooms.

Veal chop is marinated with rosemary, garlic, black pepper and olive oil. Grilled and served with wild mushrooms, brandy demi-glace, roasted potatoes and broccoli! Simply superb.

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But while talking about fine dining, it's also time to make reservations for holiday dining, cocktail parties or office parties in Newark's most charming restaurant and one of New Jersey's Best (N.Y. Times 1992).

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NCC Philosophy



A poster presentation was just one highlight in a very special evening.

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## Our Friends Reminisce

Mr. Bernard Rabinowitz, chairman of the board of United Hospitals Medical Center thought "New Community established a model about how people of good will can deal with the real problems of the real people and solve them." He noted that, "They don't have to have all the solutions at the beginning. They have to make the start, and that's what Mary and Father Linder did." He called them the "only real beacon of hope" he saw in the city and wished there were more of them.

Congressman Donald Payne, a lifelong resident of Newark saw "how the city has come along with good community leadership and good political leadership. We are going to succeed."

One of the people involved early on, Roy Li, architect responsible for transforming St. Joseph Church into St. Joseph Plaza, home of the executive offices of New Community and other entities, told of her shock when first hearing of the task. "This is a sacrilege," was her initial response. "But then when I realized how noble the goals were and how it was a continuity of purpose even though it's a different use, then I was convinced it was the right thing to do and so it gave me the inspiration to work on St. Joseph."

More recently, Jack Futterman, CEO of Supermarkets General became involved with New Community in the first joint venture which Pathmark Supermarkets has attempted. As he listened to what was going on (that night) hearing about "people who spent 25 years of their lives building this thing," he said to his wife Estelle, "You know — such a terrific thing. We're business people. We're out to make money." But then I said, "I wonder who we're supposed to really be concerned with. Should it be the shareholders or should it be the people that we deal with every day or should it be our associates, our employees, our suppliers." He came to

the conclusion, "There's more to this whole world than just making a buck," pointing out to her that in this story, "Look at what's happening; we make money, the community is better and the profits get reinvested in something like this. What could be better? This is it! We suit the customers, the shareholders, our associates, all those things — it's called corporate governance, and it's my responsibility. But when you do it here, you're really doing it all. This is it!"

His wife told him to "write it down somewhere," so we're happy to oblige. New Community and Babyland feel a strong commitment to furthering education in vital to economic development and have been delighted to have been able to establish relationships with many of the local colleges over the years. According to John Noonan, president of Bloomfield College, the admiration goes both ways. "Bloomfield College is so proud to be connected with New Community," he said. "There must be 50 faculty, staff, administrators and trustees at my institution who, if they were asked to name the institution they feel the closest to in the City of Newark, they would say, 'New Community.' We feel so privileged to be part of you."

(Some of the Bloomfield College students even volunteered their time to help decorate the Gala Ball areas, and were joined in a respite shortly after by the college president who asked how they were doing.)

Reviewing his own short three years of involvement with the New Community Network, NC Foundation chairman Jack Mullen called the time "unquestionably the most exciting experience of my life — and I think that goes for every member of our board of trustees. They're truly inspired by what's happened over the past 25 years and really are anticipating their participation and involvement in another very exciting 25 years."

What a happy thought to end on!

## Silver Into Gold...

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"It's a struggle and it's going to be painful," Fr. Linder had told the board, "and to make a 20 year commitment really quite a feat," the founder said with satisfaction. Actually the present board members: Arthur Wilson, President; Joe Chaneyfield, Vice President; Mary Smith, Treasurer, Newton Richards, Secretary; Soledad Alston; Elma Bateman and Felix Roig have put in over 20 years of service, with the exception of Mr. Roig, the "Junior" member with only 17, Father Linder explained proudly.

Board members of both NCC and Babyland were given pieces of jewelry containing both silver and gold to carry over the theme of the night which Jack Mullen explained was "Silver to Gold," anticipating long futures for the organizations.

Mary P. Smith, founder and executive director of Babyland was especially moved by seeing so many old friends present, and very proud of her board, many of whom "went back over 25 years, because they were with us even before Babyland was incorporated. And to see their dedication and commitment and perseverance — this is so emotional for me," she related. "They've been there supporting me and offering their friendship, guidance and just encouragement when it was needed. It's just beautiful!"

Both founders received accolades for their years of dedication, creativity and actions as catalysts for change from NCC Board President Wilson and Babyland Board President Madge Wilson. Jim DuRose, former Director of Security at NCC read a proclamation from Secretary of State Daniel J. Dalton to Mary Smith and Zulima Farber, Public Advocate of the State of N.J. also brought greetings from Governor Florio.

The St. Rose children's choir com-

pleted the program by singing "We've Come This Far By Faith," to which all joined in.

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## NCC Fashion Institute Ball Gowns Displayed

Decorating the halls of the Radisson Hotel for the recent gala were contemporary fashions by the NCC Fashion Institute under the direction of Linda Farrell.

Circulating among the guests were their creations being worn by Mary Smith, Madge Wilson, Raafiah Odum, Gayle Chaneyfield, Lee Reese, Linda and a tux worn by Matthew Cashe.

Table decorations were exquisitely done by Vincenzo Esoldi.

The gold and silver period costumes from the Theatre Development Fund's Costumes Collection were through the generosity of Mary G. Esoldi Productions, Inc.

## NCC Estates Construction...

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Alfred A. Delli Bovi  
President  
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elman George Branch were on hand for the ceremony.

The City of Newark, the City of Den-ville, N.J. Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency and 1st Fidelity Bank are also among our financial partners in the development.

Representatives from New Jersey Senators Bill Bradley and Frank Lautenberg expressed their remarks to New Community's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for local residents.

Mr. David Gardner, Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs brought greetings from Governor Jim Florio who was unable to attend.



Construction is in full swing at the NCC Estates site on Camden St. and 14th Ave. Many thanks to those involved in bringing this project to life.

## Project Re-Connect Initiatives

Friday evening, September 10th, was the night that five teenage participants at the New Community Project Re-Connect Awards Reception, learned that hard work and perseverance really can pay off in cash. The five received cash awards totaling \$1,400.00 for their achievements in the Project Re-Connect Program, NCC's Summer Challenge Program funded by the New Jersey Department of Labor. The purpose of Project Re-Connect was simple — Provide young

of the young people were already familiar to us at NCC because they were part of the Youth Employment Training Project. Some were new to us but it did not take them long to become part of the New Community family. All of the students worked all summer and did very well. The five who received cash incentive awards were evaluated as excellent in several areas.

The incentive award winners were: Barry Humphrey - \$100 - Food Service



The Project Re-Connect awards ceremony capped a summer of hard work and self-discovery for teens enrolled in the program.

people who have either dropped out of high school, or who are at risk of dropping out, with incentives in the form of education and training activities, tie the training to paid work opportunities, and reward those who excel.

We are all aware that there is great concern today about the future of African-American and Latino youth. The stereotype, especially for African-American and Latino boys, is that they are delinquents, violent, dumb, car thieves, poor students, and unreliable; that they only care about basketball, rap music, and sex; and basically, will never amount to anything.

The Project Re-Connect students helped to dispel the stereotype. Our program at NCC had 17 participants assigned to three training areas: building maintenance; commercial food service; and home health. Many

- Most Improved: Minisha Sorey - \$100 - Home Health - Highest Grade on the Home Health Licensing Exam; Natasha Owens - \$100 - Best Quality of Work, \$100 - Most Improved, \$100 - Most Determined to Succeed; John Curry - \$100 - Best Quality of Work, \$200 - Best All Around.

Lorraine Anthony was the grand award winner with a total of \$600 in awards. They were: \$100 each for Best Attendance; Most Determined to Succeed; Highest Grade; Best Overall Conduct and Attitude; and \$200 for Best All Around.

Lorraine Anthony and Natasha Owens have both been hired as full time employees by the World of Foods Restaurant and NCC Home Health, respectively.

Florence P. Williams

## NCC Partners In Excellence Receives Mentoring Grant

Sharanda Evans, the Coordinator of NCC's Partners In Excellence Mentoring Program is looking for a few good men... and women, predominantly from the law enforcement/criminal justice community to recruit as mentors for 100 young people. Thanks largely to the effort and support of Senator Frank Lautenberg, New Community has been awarded a \$75,000 grant to operate the youth mentoring program from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention.

The goal of the program, is to link disadvantaged children and youths, residing in the Central Ward of Newark, with mentors who will be positive role models and provide the young people with long-term support, companionship, guidance, and friendship. Partners in Excellence is a new opportunity for New Community to join the mentoring movement and recruit caring adults who can play a key role in shaping the character of young people, by giving them positive role models to emulate. In addition to the law enforcement, mentors will also be individuals from the community who have been successful in their work, community, or family life. By demonstrating behavior and attitudes that foster a positive self image, mentors provide excellent examples for youth.

Each young person will become partners with a young person from one of NCC's many programs. Over 100 young people will be matched with mentors with whom they will develop an ongoing, long term relationship. The first group of 50 young people to be assigned mentors come from NCC's Allies For Youth Program. The children, aged 11-13 from three local schools, currently participate in a wide variety of educational and recreational activities at the West Side Boys and Girls Club. The Director of Allies For Youth, Raafiah Odom and the staff of Family Counselors will work with Sharanda Evans to make the mentoring matches.

The first group of mentors has been recruited by the First Assistant U.S. Attorney, Paul Fishman from his staff

and he has also volunteered to be a mentor. James Dubose, Deputy Director of the Essex County Bureau of Narcotics, has also been active in helping to recruit volunteers from the various law enforcement associations.

A series of activities are planned throughout the next year for Partners. These activities will include: regularly scheduled rap/discussion sessions for groups and mentorship pairs; participatory workshops on personal, health and social issues of interest; a two-day wilderness experience that emphasizes team-building and self-esteem; a one-day motivational retreat that is a life skills training program; and educational, cultural, recreational and fitness activities.

The two-day wilderness experience will be conducted by Project USE (Urban Suburban Environments), a non-profit, educational corporation. The weekend experience is designed to develop self-confidence, problem-solving and team-building skills through a combination of hiking, rappelling, environmental education, survival and other outdoor activities.

The one-day motivational retreat will be conducted by the AMER-ICAN Program, founded by former professional football player and actor, Jim Brown. Mr. Brown made a brief visit to New Community in July to discuss AMER-ICAN which helps at-risk youth, including gang members, to develop their self-esteem and to overcome the negative environment, emotional barriers and limited prospects they face as poor, minority youth. Activities focus on goal setting, emotional control, problem-solving, decision-making and communications skills. The AMER-ICAN approach has been already used successfully with New Community's Youth Employment Training Project.

Recruitment of mentors has begun by Program Coordinator Sharanda. If you know someone with the very special qualifications who wants to work with young people on a volunteer basis, and who fits the program criteria for mentors, please contact Ms. Evans at 623-2800 to request an application.

Florence P. Williams

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## Bloomfield College Develops Community Service

The Office of Student Activities at Bloomfield College is taking action to develop community service in their student population. In order for student clubs and organizations to receive funding from the college, they must participate in the Adopt-A-Shelter Program. The student organization will work with a shelter in Newark, East Orange, Bloomfield, Jersey City, Paterson or Orange. New Community Harmony House has been selected for the program.

Throughout the year, students can sponsor a variety of events, such as parties for children, clothing and food drives, or activities for African-American History Month. The Junior Class will be working with Harmony House.

The Adopt-A-Shelter initiative will help numerous homeless families throughout northeastern New Jersey, but the College also sees the possibilities for creating a better student body through students assisting others. Lynette Sheard, Director of Student Activities explains, "Community Service is used as a catalyst for multiculturalism, as well as personal growth."

Leading by example, the Office of Student Activities conducted a



Damita Lucas, Lynette Sheard and James Smith proudly stand before a full shopping cart of donated clothing, collected to benefit Harmony House residents.

Children's Clothing Drive to benefit Harmony House. They were delivered during the first week of October, to coincide with Universal Children's Day, October 6th. Harmony House applauds all of Bloomfield College as they undertake this ambitious and far-reaching endeavor.



## Adult Medical Day Care Expansion Approved

On Friday, October 8th, the long awaited approval for the expansion of the Medical Day Care Program was issued by the New Jersey State Department of Health. The current program was only approved for sixty clients; with the new license we will be able to service eighty-four clients per day.

Adult Day Care Programs are emerging as a viable local option for functionally disabled adults who want to maintain their independence in the community. They help mentally and physically impaired adults to maintain or to improve their level of functioning; the program also provides assistance and support to families and others who care for the more frail and vulnerable older persons and younger disabled adults.

Within the long-term care spectrum, adult day care offers a unique combination of advantages: A means of getting out of the house into a safe and supervised environment and an opportunity for group involvement and coordinated services, directed toward stabilization or improvement of self-care. Other services will have some, but not all, of these features. Adult day care, however, will not clean the house, do the cooking, laundry or shopping, dispel loneliness or provide medical care outside of scheduled

adult day care attendance. It will not furnish better housing or additional income. But at New Community we have been able to tack on other programs like Home Health and Home Friends to enhance the quality of life of those in need.

Our Adult Medical Day Care Program accepts clients who are physically and/or mentally impaired to the extent of interfering significantly with their capability for self-care; who have a regular place of residence; are ambulatory with whatever mechanical aids, such as wheelchairs and walkers; are free of infectious disease; and, are willing to attend—even if not at first enthusiastically.

The Center provides transportation to and from the client's home, coordinates needed services, provides a snack and a nutritious lunch each day, as well as providing for five hours of supervised activity.

Medicaid is the primary payor source for participation in the Program. If you know someone who may benefit from our program or if you just would like to have some additional information, feel free to contact Administration at the Extended Care Facility or Medical Day Care Center (266 South Orange Avenue (624-2020).

## Extended Care Facility Forms Ethic Committee

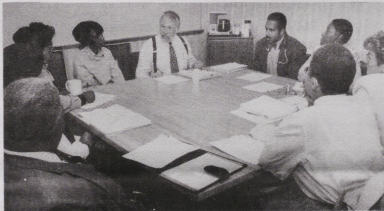
"We should do everything we can think of to keep her comfortable. And we should stop trying to keep her alive. That's what it means to care for this woman appropriately."

The newly formed Ethics Committee at New Community's Extended Care Facility was concluding its first case consultation. For most of an hour, a dozen people had earnestly discussed how best to care for a terminally ill resident.

The elderly woman was unable to speak, but she had left general directions in written form. Before becoming seriously ill, this resident had completed an Advance Directive. The Advance Directive—also known as a "Living Will"—said that, if she were

and Medical Day Care Center. "The committee also helps develop policy and educates our staff and the community about ethical dimensions of health care."

Ethics committees are common in hospitals, but not yet in nursing homes. New Community Extended Care Facility and Medical Day Care Center is one of few nursing homes in the area to have its own ethics committee. Mrs. Marsh persuaded a husband-wife team of professional ethics consultants to help. Co-chairpersons of the new ethics committee are Dr. Patricia Murphy, Clinical Nurse Specialist in Bereavement and Ethics at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, and Dr. David M. Price, a



The newly formed Ethics Committee at the NC Extended Care Facility meets to discuss the best interests of their patients.

dying or permanently comatose, her caretakers should not try to keep her body going with life support, but allow her to die peacefully.

Now the committee was helping her doctor and the nurses to make specific plans that would honor those wishes. Should pain medications be increased? Should the feeding tube be reinserted if it came out? How should the staff support them? Under what circumstances would it be right to send her to the hospital?

"Our Ethics Committee does more than consult on difficult cases," says Karen Marsh, Administrator of New Community Extended Care Facility

faculty member at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School and Ethics Consultant at Saint Barnabas Medical Center. Dr. Murphy is President-Elect of the New Jersey State Nurses Association and a member of the New Jersey Bioethics Commission. Dr. Price is just completing a grant-funded project on ethics committees in long-term care.

Other members of the new ethics committee are Frenchie Pierce, R.N., Director of Nursing; Charles Mouton, M.D., Medical Director; Penny Ma-teen, Director of Social Services; Sister Consuela Scott, Facility Chaplain; Sister Mary Ann Hensagan, R.N.

## Babyland VII Joining The Network

Soon to join the New Community Corporation Network of organizations is Babyland VII, which is located in the newly renovated Telephone Heights Building on Avon Avenue and can accommodate approximately 90 children.

Babyland is happy to extend its excellent day care services to the families who will reside in the apartment units as well as to the community at large and are looking forward to opening the doors to the children before the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Babyland VII is located on the ground floor in the beautifully refurbished Telephone Heights building on Avon Avenue.

## Children Together Begins Babyland Foster Parent Interviews

The Children Together program has begun interviewing several applicants for positions as Babyland Foster Parents. The Children Together program is looking for qualified couples and singles that would like to become foster parents for brothers and sisters.

All applicants must participate in an interview process that includes a three hour initial interview, a home study, and a final interview. Prospective Babyland foster parents must be at least twenty-one years of age, possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey, and complete a mandatory forty hour training program. Other requirements include a criminal history background check for all adults living in the household, three personal references, medical references for everyone living in the household, and school references for all children living in the household.

The Children Together program consists of the twelve siblings Children Together home, supportive services to Medical Day Care Program; Subreen Dawud, R.N.; Phyllis Humphrey, Certified Nursing Assistant; Rev. Dr. Isaiah McKinnon, community clergyman; Karen Marsh, Administrator; and Calvin Venable, community member.

"An ethics committee must have this kind of diversity among its members," says Dr. Price. "America is made up of many different kinds of people. Values differ. Life experiences differ. So ethics committees deliberately have a diverse membership."

Dr. Murphy is excited to be working with New Community Extended Care Facility. "Karen Marsh has assembled a great team," she said. "They want to create something wonderful here. With leadership like that, the ideas generated in this new ethics committee can really make a difference." "I thought this committee would be a bit stuffy," admits Calvin Venable, the busy retiree who volunteers his time as a committee member. "Actually, we laugh a lot and there is good-natured teasing among the members. Everyone calls each other by first names. We do not purpose to emphasize that everyone's perspective is valuable. Nobody has the last word just because he's got a 'Dr.' or 'Rev.' in front of his name."

twenty DYFS foster homes, and twelve Babyland foster homes. Seven of the foster homes will have a two-sibling capacity, four homes will have a three sibling capacity, and one home will have a four sibling capacity, for a total of thirty children.

The Children Together program offers competitive board rates, training stipends, start up funds, and supportive services, to Babyland foster homes. For more information please contact Sister Loretta Cornell at (201) 762-8444.

## A Jazzy Fixer Upper



Pat Chisholm, James Ruffin and Ray Ryan display the names of the many volunteers who pitched in at Children Together.

"All that jazz"—that is how Ray Ryan referred to the work he did at Children Together, which is located at 162 Academy Street in South Orange, New Jersey. There was the paint jazz, the spackling jazz, the carpet jazz and the furniture jazz. Now it is all complete thanks to Ray's interest, dedication and perseverance.

Ray Ryan came to us in a whirlwind of excitement as we started to remodel and furnish the former convent at Our Lady of Sorrows that is to be the home of twelve foster siblings. Ray got to know all of us at Babyland and New Community and worked to make our dreams happen.

Ray is retired from the New York Telephone Co. and lives in Short Hills with his wife, Missy; he is the father of three children and grandfather of three. He is also creative, artistic and a master fixer-upper!

We are happy to have been on the receiving end of his talents. Thanks again, Ray.

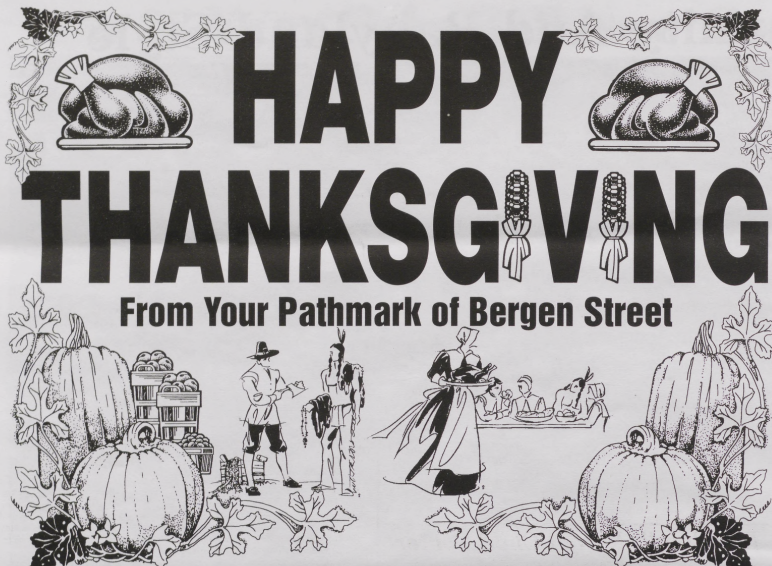
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## Black History Notes

Norbert Rillieux - 1806-1894  
(Inventor Modern Way of Making Sugar)

Researched By James E. DuBoise

The next time you reach for a spoonful of sugar, remember that those tiny crystals that you see were invented by a Black American named Norbert Rillieux.

He was born on a plantation in New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 17, 1806, to a slave mother, Constant Vivant, and a rich slave owner and engineer, Vincent Rillieux, his father, who adopted him. This was very unusual because many slave masters did not recognize or even want their children. As a free son of a White planter, he went to the best schools in New Orleans and he even studied in Paris and became an engineer. At age 24, he became a teacher at his college. While teaching, he wrote scientific papers on the steam engine that drew attention to his work by scientists all over Europe. Young Rillieux married and returned to New Orleans with his wife Emily in 1834.

Having grown up on his father's sugar plantation, Rillieux knew how sugar cane was turned into table syrup and sugar. The process was expensive and dangerous. Slaves had to carry boiling sugar cane juice from one huge kettle to another. They worked hard and were often burned by the hot liquid. Rillieux believed there was a better way to make refined or pure sugar.

While in Paris, he learned from methods to remove moisture from sugar. This he did by a heating and drying process called evaporation.

This led to his first patent in 1843. In 1846, Rillieux received another patent for the improvement of his invention. Sugar growers could now mass-produce sugar, and it also could be made better and cheaper. His invention changed the entire sugar industry worldwide. His invention process led to the making of many other products.

Rillieux also invented a method to rid New Orleans of a sewage problem. The sewage problem caused mosquitoes which carried yellow fever. Thousands of people died as a result. The city would not accept his invention because he was a black man. However, years later, the city did accept a similar plan by a group of Whites. Upset, Rillieux decided to leave New Orleans and go back to Paris in 1854. He never returned. Rillieux died in Paris on October 8, 1894 at the age of 88. More than 30 years later, a worldwide movement was started to honor him. It began in Holland and spread to include every sugar growing country in the world. Despite his invention as a chemical engineer whose invention was the greatest thing ever done for the sugar industry, he was often saddened during his lifetime because of the unfair treatment of his people.

As we use sugar from day to day, let us not forget the inventor, Norbert Rillieux who made life sweeter for us all.

## Babyland's Parent-Child Center Has Pregnant Teen Program

Babyland's Head Start Parent-Child Center Program has a component which services pregnant teens. Several participants from this program accompanied by Sr. Suzanne Janis, PCC Parent Involvement Coordinator and Eileen Totten, a student from Seton Hall University interning in Social Work, visited St. Michael's Hospital in Newark.

A tour was given by Ms. Ivonne Peterson, MSW, a Social Worker at the hospital. The tour guided the teens through the delivery room as well as the nursery. Ms. Peterson spoke to the young women and stressed the importance for each mother-to-be to obtain good prenatal care.

The participants dialogued with Ms. Peterson and asked many worthwhile questions. Ms. Peterson emphasized that while services are available to assist both mother and child it is up to each parent to get a good education so they can be independent and have what is needed for themselves and their child.

The morning ended with continued dialogue over lunch at Our Lady of the Lake Convent in Verona as well as a walk in the park. The teens expressed their desire to learn more to enable them to be a good parent to their expected child.

Sr. Suzanne Janis



(Left to right) Tashima Reddick, Sr. Suzie, Qiana Johnson, Barbara Johnson, Taleya Jackson and Eileen Totten share a fun time in Verona Park.

## Harmony House Youth Hear Jazz

The youth of Harmony House recently heard jazz Wednesdays hosted by CD 101.9 radio station at the World Trade Center. They listened to the jazz group, Fantasy, perform.

Following, they went uptown to Schromberg Museum for a tour of

various African arts, paintings and sculptures. To the youth's surprise they encountered a bit of history as they were able to have a picture taken with Lena Horne's granddaughter, Linda Jones.

## Security Officer Of The Month

Officer Delores Harris has been selected as our officer of the month by virtue of her dedication to New Community Corporation and her ability to perform above and beyond the call of duty.

She is continually doing extra little



things and reaching for the extra effort to help make her building at Manor Senior a safer place in which to live and work.

Officer Harris demonstrates pride in her position and truly cares for the people involved. She does not just come to work to sit; she comes to serve.

## Pathmark Employee Of The Month

Michael Phelps, a part-time worker in the Bergen Street Pathmark has been chosen Employee Of The Month for September.

He did a fine job covering manager Pat Cain of the seafood department during her vacation and is now her lead person. Mr. Phelps has only been with Pathmark for 6 months but already has distinguished himself with his excellent work and reliability for being on time and there every day.

"He is just a very nice person and I love working with him," said Ms. Cain.

## Newark Little League Ends Season

NCC Security Director Bill Hicks and Marcella Keene "did a great job getting a Newark Little League program off the ground," according to Commissioner Ray Codey.

Marcella coordinated the teams using computers to set them up by age and ability, so they were well balanced. She deserves accolades for the time spent, said Hicks.

The coaches also did a tremendous job. Walt Moses coached the Yankees, who won the championship by being undefeated in 10 games played. Lisa Smith and Darnell Graham coached the Rebels. Stacey Tolliver was the Bulls' coach and Albert Workfield handled the Knights.

Umpires were Don Moore, William Hicks and Richard Walker.

The League's most valuable player designation went to Walt Moses, Jr., while Derek Brackett received the league best sportsman award.

Parental participation was most encouraging and is really enjoyed by the players. Certainly Dorothy Brackett, who never missed a game, drew notice. "I'm proud of her," said Hicks. "Kids like to see you there."

Ray Codey, no slouch himself, was instrumental in finding funding for the teams' needs, including uniforms, hats, balls, catcher's masks, pads, shin guards and gloves. This really impressed Bill Hicks who said he was "never connected to a league which was selected prior to the first ball being thrown."

The games were played at the Central Ward Little League field on Mercer Street and Springfield Avenue. Next year more Saturday games are hoping to be planned to increase parent participation.

By joining Williamsport International next year the teams will be eligible to channel an All Star team into the Little League World Series.

If you enjoy working with children and would like to work with the Little League teams, help is always needed. Training will be available.

Director Hicks would be happy to hear from you at 643-3766.

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## At Your (Social) Service

### Student Of The Month

Our student of the month for October '93 is the one and only Dawon Baldwin. He is a second grade student at Newton Street elementary school who enjoys dancing, karate, drawing, and helping others. Dawon is an envanated youngster who has high



Dawon Baldwin

hopes for his future and who looks forward to attending the afterschool program each day. With his positive attitude, intelligent wit, and energetic capabilities, Dawon will be an asset throughout our community in the future.

Congratulations Dawon Baldwin! Student of the month.

Thashieka Curtis  
Youth Services

### Trip To Newark Museum

On October 6, 1993, Youth Services Afterschool Program attended the Newark Museum for yet another extraordinary tour of Egyptian exhibits. The children immediately took interest in the showcase of beautiful art work.

Two of our students are originally from Africa and were pleased to see familiar art work and culturistric displays throughout the museum. The



Having fun at the Newark Museum.

children participated in activities such as writing their names in hieroglyphic form as they do on a mummy when they are put to rest.

The children enjoyed every minute of it and cannot wait until next month when they will participate in something called Native American Horse Racing at the museum. So, now once a month the children will have a different culture to explore and much, much more!

Thashieka Curtis  
Youth Services

opportunity to receive basic preventive medicine at little or no cost at all to themselves and their families.



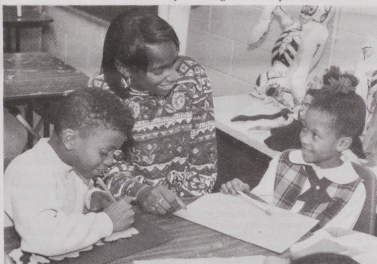
Thanks to the tireless efforts of Elena Majid, Cachene Winrow and Burton Shadow, many local residents were able to receive affordable health care.

### Let's Get Busy

September 13, 1993 started a new year for New Community's afterschool program, located at 220 Bruce Street in Newark. Our program coordinator, Mary Powell, has worked hard in preparing for the start and enrollment of this program along with Sharranda Evans (teacher) and Thashieka Curtis (teacher's aide).

Our enrollment started with a total of 20 students which means a very

busy year lies ahead for us. We are expecting a total turnout of about 30 students and want to encourage any parent of a student five through eight years of age to enroll their child in our afterschool program, which assists children with their homework, offers recreational games, arts 'n crafts and much more. School has just begun for our students with fun-filled activities and great accomplishments ahead.



The variety of activities offered in the after-school program range from arts & crafts and field trips to homework assistance.

### Home Friends Celebrate

The Atrium of St. Joseph Plaza was the site of the fall In-Service Workshop of New Community Home Friends. The focus of the workshop was Emergency Medical Care. The lecture was given by Gilbert Roberts, an EMT who is a volunteer with the "Bronze Stars of Life" which is an International Association of Minority Emergency Medical Service Professionals.

Reggie Lamprey of the NCC Credit Union was on hand to field the many questions the Home Friends had regarding the services available to employees and to explain the new checking accounts now offered through the Credit Union.

This October marks the Ninth An-

niversary of Home Friends. Employees Carrie Hines, Grace Hurt, Flora Lewter, Alice Tillman and Betty Wilson received certificates for outstanding attendance. Elsie Best Home Friend Coordinator also received accolades for her birthday.

The celebration was completed by the Home Friends enjoying the excellent hot and cold buffet offered daily at St. Joseph Plaza. They are looking forward to the 10th and many more Anniversaries here at New Community.

Thanks to Mrs. Florence Williams of Human Services for making this a very special and pleasurable Anniversary!



The Home Friends 9th anniversary luncheon, held at The Priory Restaurant in St. Joseph Plaza, was a real treat for all staff members.

### COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Topic: Advanced Directives/Living Wills

Presented By: Patricia Murphy, R.N., Ph.D.  
David Price, M. Div., Ph.D.

Place: New Community Extended Care Medical Day Care Group Room

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Date: Monday, November 29, 1993

### Recent Success With UCHP/CIP

From 2/93 through 7/93 the NCC Social Workers recruited and interviewed a total of 966 potential United Community Health Program/Competitive Initiatives Program patients. A total of 623 had appointments made for them by NCC Social Workers to be financially screened for the Hill Burton/Charity Care grant so that they could participate in the aforementioned program. As of October 1, 1993, over 550 Hill Burton/Charity Care grants were awarded to UCHP/CIP patients.

Once the UCHP/CIP patients received their award letters, the NCC Social Workers directed the patients to either 194 Clinton Ave. or the NCC Health Care Center at 233 West Market St. in Newark.

Thanks to the efforts of the three NCC Social Workers (Ms. Cachene Winrow, Ms. Elena Majid, and Mr. Burton A. Shadow), whose efforts were acknowledged by Mr. Nelson X. Cruz, Project Director in a letter to Sister Anastasia Hearne, Director of Social Services at 220 Bruce Street, many Essex County residents have had the

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## Bridges — We Have Stories To Tell Too

Last Spring, Saint Rose of Lima School entered into a partnership with Saint Rocco Elementary School and Delbarton, Mount Saint Dominic, Oak Knoll, and Seton Hall Prep, all secondary schools. The project, an oral history program called "Bridges—We Have Stories To Tell Too" was designed to help students learn history from the precious memories of senior adults through their lifetime experiences. The program was also designed to promote greater understanding among participants crossing age, gender, county, and socio-economic areas of differences.

It is our hope that the loneliness and isolation of the elderly will be alleviated by affirming them as persons whose lives have had meaning and value. One of our senior's memorable quotes — "Everyone is a somebody." We also hope to bridge the

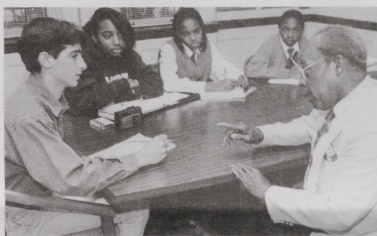
gap between the urban child and the suburban teens, banishing stereotypes and undercutting racist attitudes imposed through the media.

During the year various students participated in the New Jersey Academy leadership days, followed by our own program team development workshops. During the summer and into the fall, our "Bridges" participants received training on interviewing techniques, effective communication, taping methods, and sensitivity to differences in people. Concepts that enter into history, like personality, culture, and society were also explained. Students will be provided with opportunities for a reflective experience that will lead them to evaluate what they have seen and heard. Journals will be kept by each participant.

After all the preparation, our teams



Bessie Strickland (center left) shares her life story with teenagers in the "Bridges" program. Seated left to right is Lou Basenese (Delbarton), Sarah Hoechn (Mt. St. Dominic) and Glenda Harris (St. Rose of Lima).



New Community resident Winston Graves (seated right) tells it like it is and like it was to (left to right) Joe DiNorcia (Delbarton), Ayesha Givens (Mt. St. Dominic), Quaddriyah Hill and Leslie McClendon (St. Rose of Lima).

were ready for their first interviews. Senior Adults were approached through our Social Service personnel to meet our teams and tell their stories. At first, anxiety filled the rooms, both seniors and teens were nervous. Soon calm set in and the great equalizer — laughter — could be heard. The following narrative could have been written by each participant as they discussed the day with us.

Joe DiNorcia wrote:

"Nervously, I entered the room, constantly wondering what would transpire in the interview to come. Would the interviewee be receptive and expressive? Would there be a conflict of youth and adult? Would the interview be successful?"

"These questions were all answered on the interview began. Mr. Winston Graves, a resident of Newark, was extremely excited to share his life ex-

periences, and he was anxious to help our cause in any way he could. Through the prompting of our group questions, Mr. Graves talked, revealing his experiences with the Riots of '67, the Depression, and racial prejudices. Through a vivid narration, he expressed his feelings about these events in history. He talked on, depicting a picture of a man with much to tell, and I was saddened when the time for our interview was finished.

"Saying good-bye to Mr. Graves inspired me to reflect on the overall outcome of the interview. I realized that our group had successfully documented a first hand account of matters that are often biased portrayed in history books. We had gained a better understanding of the elders in our society, and had hopefully helped to construct the elders' perception and understanding of youth today."

## St. Rose Of Lima's First Women's Day

About a year ago the idea of getting some women together came to the mind of Cleasta Wilburn who has been a member of the St. Rose of Lima parish family for the last 7 years. Cleasta, full of enthusiasm presented her idea to some of the faithful women members of the parish and thus was born the idea of having a "Women's Day."

This was definitely a new and interesting idea, for such an event was known only through associations with friends of non-Catholic churches. Having Women's Day would surely be a first to us, as a matter of fact, I am sure it is a first for any Catholic Church in this area.

There was so much to be done: September 19, 1993 was selected since it did not conflict with anything else going on in the church or school, the theme, "Women United In Love," represented the women of the parish.

It was decided that it would be an afternoon program that would start in the church and end with a banquet in the school hall. Mrs. Emily Ross-Jukes was most instrumental in securing a stirring spiritual and intellectual guest speaker for the occasion.

There were numerous meetings which were most fruitful in that they allowed us to become better acquainted with one another and truly start the process of becoming united as sisters in love. Our parish is diverse in culture and ethnic backgrounds and every attempt had been made at making us more united as one despite our obvious differences.

The day finally arrived. The 10:30 service at St. Rose of Lima Church was a little different this day. With the exception of Monsignor Linder, who presided over the service, everything else was handled by the girls and women who served as ushers, gift

bearers, lectors, eucharist ministers, and an all female choir.

The church was filled with a natural radiance which flowed through the stained glass panes of the high windows. Beams of sunlight danced off the colors of red and white (committee's choice of color scheme) which adorned the girls and women — another symbol of our unity. The altar was covered with simple symbols which expressed our womanhood. Kente cloth, a symbol of the heritage of many in the group and a show of strength of the woven bond which weaves in and out and needs the neighboring strands to make



Cleasta Wilburn pins a corsage on Winnie Gant-Davis.

the entire unit strong. There was also water. Water is one of God's greatest gifts for it nurtures all of creation, making things grow, like a good woman. There were plant products of the nurturing waters, our offspring. There were candles with the flickering light of hope and faith, qualities we all need.

The ceremony began with a procession of women of all ages, races and capabilities. There was a libation service which allowed us to remember those ancestors which have helped to mold us and with whom we wished to

share in this magnificent moment.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Edith V. Francis, is currently the Director of Community Education in East Orange, New Jersey. She has held many positions as an educator, administrator, leader and mother. Dr. Francis has been able to manage the balance of keeping a healthy, spiritual and intellectual household while pursuing her career goals. Dr. Francis was cited six years ago by Ebony Magazine as one of the nation's 100 most influential Black Americans. She was also selected the NAACP's Outstanding Woman of the Year in 1981. Her motto is "The most important part of the educational experience is to motivate individuals to develop a love of and respect for learning and, especially, an understanding and acceptance of other human beings."

Dr. Francis's message transcended us to new heights. We literally floated to the school hall where the banquet was to be served. Father Fabio, the associate pastor, blessed our meal and the feast was started — a feast deliciously prepared by the skillful hands of Mr. Michael Guy of The Priory and Mr. Joe Rodriguez of NC Extended Care.

We were blessed to have the good fortune of a reading from Ms. Latangela Reese an actress who recently returned from tour in Africa, and is the assistant house manager at the Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick. She did excerpts of a play entitled "Sheila's Day."

Ms. Mary Harry, honored us with readings of her original poems dedicated to our occasion.

Annie Colon, a hard worker in the parish introduced the Daughters of Mary, a youth organization founded by herself.

There was also a special presenta-

tion made to the "Mother of the Church," Mrs. Winnie Gant-Davis, a member of the parish for 49 years. This is a true accomplishment in longevity and faith.

The day was truly blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit. I am certain that I have left out some of the details but I hope you got the feeling of the pride and unity the women of the parish felt on this our special day.

Joyce Cook

P.S.

Joyce Cooks writes about the First Annual Women's Day at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newark: "I am sure that I have left out some of the details..."

One big omission was the presentation of the First Women's Day Award to none other than...Joyce Cook!

I am sure the list of her qualifications made her an obvious choice for the awards committee: lifelong parishioner, graduate of the school, lector, liturgy committee member, Parent/Teacher Association Officer and Second Grade School Parent.

The list flows on and on, out of the parish and into the larger New Community Network where Joyce is a staff member and program coordinator for the Social Services Department, a graduate of the Leadership Development Institute, and one of the founding members of the Network Women's Annual Retreat.

The list flows even further, past the Network into the City which surrounds it. Seniors all over respond to Joyce's ministry as does a broad based radio audience. Joyce is a member of the Black Catholic Committee of the Archdiocese of Newark. Congratulations Joyce you have done so much to unite the women of St. Rose of Lima Parish in love.

St. Mary Ellen Bennett

## Music For Young Ears

"What a beautiful church in which to perform!" remarked Fr. Alphonse upon entering the sanctuary of St. Rose of Lima Church. Within an hour, he and the St. Peter By The Sea Orchestra would perform for the St. Rose School students and guests. The air of that October 13th afternoon was full of excitement and anticipation as the full symphony orchestra began preparing for the concert.

In order that members of the audience could better enjoy themselves, it was announced before the start of the performance by Mr. Arthur L. Wilson, Principal of St. Rose of Lima School, Newark, that the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar had been removed from the church and enshrined appropriately elsewhere during the temporary stay of the orchestra.

Mrs. Frances Scullin, School Board member and computer education volunteer instructor, at St. Rose of Lima, Newark, brought a group of students from St. Rose of Lima School in Short Hills, where she is also an active parent. It was indeed a special occasion to have both schools present to enjoy the performance together.

Fr. Alphonse introduced the various sections of the orchestra as the instruments of each were played. The piccolo, the small flute, caught the fancy of most of the children, as they were quite amused by its sound. Familiar musical compositions were performed; the children recognized most. But when Fr. Alphonse, during an explanation about harmony in music, selected to have a mystery piece played in parts until it could be recognized, it was Shariff Major, a seventh grader, who solved the



Fr. Alphonse Stevenson

mystery. "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" was the selection recognized by Shariff. For his correct response, Fr. Alphonse and the Orchestra played the song to its completion as a private serenade for Shariff.

Later Shariff was invited to the conductor's podium to direct the full orchestra. All would admit that he was a "natural" with stick in hand, appearing to be both confident and seasoned to lead the group. He was substituted by other students to conduct. Melissa DiDonato, a third grader from St. Rose of Lima School in Short Hills, also did an outstanding job on her conducting debut with the St. Peter By The Sea Orchestra.

This children's concert at St. Rose of Lima was funded in part by the Amelior Foundation.



Excited school children listen intently as Fr. Alphonse explains the various components of a symphony orchestra, such as percussion.

### ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL TUTORS - TUTORIAL PROGRAM

Caldwell College  
Christy Crank  
Jerry (Yu Lin) Lee  
Joseph Mathesius  
Amy Mattera  
Stephanie Nebus  
Islande Noel  
Laura Tourino  
Jennifer West  
**Delbarton**  
Arun Agarwal  
Michael Aveno  
Craig Berlamino  
Kevin Casey  
Alex Kallman  
Liam Lynch  
John Moran  
Carlos Pilez  
Sam Poor  
Larry Stravitski  
Brian Tully  
**Seton Hall Prep**  
Greg Bauer  
David Bober  
Roland Colts  
Sean Faughnan  
Julio Fernandez  
David Hollywood

Marc Irlandez  
Raymond Keeler  
James Luzano  
Patrick Mac Manus  
Matthew Pinili  
Glen Roberson  
Anthony Sciarrello  
Daniel Sheehan  
Courtney Thomas  
Bert Villanueva  
Ronald Villanueva  
Othello America  
**Mt. St. Dominic Academy**  
Lisa Del Priore  
Ellen Fadoju  
Yasmin Gamboa  
Kelly Lucas  
Christina Pablo  
Beatrice Trivio  
Danielle West  
**Oak Knoll**  
Liz Little  
Liz Martin  
Meghan Murray  
Andrea Sciarrello  
Kim Trespicio  
Anne Travisano

## St. Rose One On One Tutoring

Stop by the St. Rose of Lima School auditorium on Tuesdays between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. and the all too prevalent notion of many that today's young people are all self-centered and self-absorbed will clearly be put to rest. The young people that you will find there are a prime example that there

ing to the pupil and very successful oriented. Pupils consistently receive positive feedback from the tutors and therefore motivation to succeed is enhanced.

In addition to meeting the goals of the program, there are additional invaluable benefits. Real friendships



First grader, Jade White, is learning and having fun too, thanks to her tutor from Oak Knoll High School, Amira Little.

still exist many young people who unselfishly give of their time and energy.

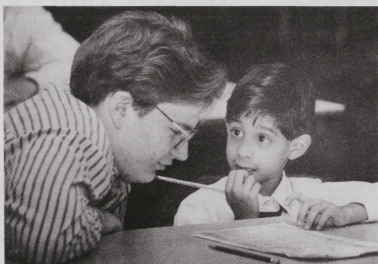
Five years ago, in an effort to improve the basic skills of students in grades 1-4, the Tutorial Program was implemented. College and High School students in the surrounding areas were approached about becoming part of the one to one instructional program. The response from the start was overwhelming.

With the assistance of Dr. Mary Farrell of Fairleigh Dickinson University, tutors are trained in various learning strategies that are non-threatening

often develop between individuals who under normal circumstances would virtually have no reason to interact on a personal level. The differences, social, economical, and ethnic become less of an issue, and genuine bonds often develop between the pupil and tutor.

At present there are 4 high schools and 1 college participating in the program; Delbarton High School, Mt. St. Dominic Academy, Oak Knoll High School, Seton Hall Prep, and Caldwell College.

The students of St. Rose would like to say "thank you" to all the tutors.



"Did I get it right?" wonders this little boy as he looks to his tutor for assistance, with wide questioning eyes.



Helping to make the tutoring program a success are the St. Rose of Lima upperclass students, who generously volunteer their time taking attendance, answering questions, etc.